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Vandals strike Sugar Island

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

There's been a rash of break-ins, as well as a structure fire, on Gull Lake's Sugar Island.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP were alerted to the vandalism March 19, after one of the lake's residents walking on its frozen surface had noticed something awry with one of the cottages on the island.

"They observed broken windows," said Const. Paul Potter.

When police arrived on the island, they discovered that seven seasonal residences had been broken into, stolen from and vandalized.

Sugar Island is located in the southern portion of Gull Lake, near Miners Bay.

An eighth cottage was destroyed by fire and is being investigated by the fire marshal's office.

"We're still trying to put all that together," Potter said, adding there hadn't been evidence to link the fire to the break-ins or confirm the same person or party was responsible for all of the incidents.

At one cottage, the door had been kicked in and a television stolen.

"They didn't trash the place," said the owner, who wished not to be named.

Other cottages sustained more severe vandalism. Entries were made by smashing windows or doors.

Most of the affected residences were along the southeastern side of the island.

The cottage destroyed by fire belonged to the Douglas family.

"The entire family is heart broken," said David Douglas, a Redstone Lake resident. "The cottage is a family heritage of some 60 years, with a joyful legacy that summer cottages seem to bring. It was a gem of a place, a classic, late-50s Haliburton cottage, built from the ground up by our father. Knotty pine paneling, solid cherry cabinetry and fireplace."

The cottage even had beams from trees cleared from the property by Douglas's father and grandfather that were milled at Miners Bay.

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Chad Ingram Staff

Terry Twine, who headed up renovations during Places for People's latest project, speaks at a celebration at 5 Newcastle St. in Minden on March 21.

Places for People completes third project

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A Minden-area family will have a new home as Places for People celebrated the completion of its latest project on March 21.

An open house was held at the renovated house at 5 Newcastle Street in Minden, as volunteers with the affordable housing corporation showed off the work they've been doing since mid-December.

The removal of some walls, refurbished floors, refinished kitchen cabinets, new closet space, drywall and painting throughout and a new bathroom - top to bottom, fixtures and all - were part of the transformation.

Twenty-nine volunteers put in more than 800 collective hours to bring the project to fruition.

"I would like to publicly acknowledge Terry's contribution," said board chairman Max Ward, referring to Terry Twine, who heads up the organization's property committee.

Twine alone dedicated more than 200 hours.

"Most of the walls in here were bare boards," Twine told the paper, explaining new drywall had been installed throughout the home. "The floors we were able to save."

The organization was given a generous deal on the house from resident Paul Heffer, who outfitted it with new windows, roof and other amenities beforehand.

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"And it's all gone," Douglas said. "Everything." His siblings are also mourning the loss of the family legacy. "We're islanders and are different folk," said Susan Montgomery (née Douglas). "Everything you have has to be hauled, floated and toted from the mainland. It's devastating that it's gone."

The family intends to rebuild.

"We're determined to rebuild the legacy our dad built for us," said Robert Douglas. "The family is really pulling together."

Sugar Island is home to some 30 seasonal residences.

Police are asking anyone with any information about any of the incidents to call the detachment at 705-286-1431 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Remnants of the Douglas family cottage on Gull Lake's Sugar Island. The fire marshal is investigating the fire that destroyed the decades-old retreat. Police are asking anyone who might have information regarding a string of break-ins on the island to come forward. There is no evidence linking the fire and the break-ins at this time.

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Family to move into renovated Minden home in April

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A \$50,000 private mortgage will be covered by the rent, as well as utilities and a trust fund that will be set up for the family, which includes a mother, father and two small children.

"It helps our tenants avert disaster or to help fund a goal that they might have," Ward said.

This goal could include going back to school, or saving up for a down payment on a house.

"It helps them to build equity."

A \$30,000 loan came from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, with \$10,000 of that interest-free for facade improvements.

HCDC has worked with P4P on its previous projects in Carnarvon and Haliburton Village.

"It's getting easier every time because of the experience of the board of directors, the quality of the work, the budgeting that goes in and the fact everything's coming in on budget," HCDC executive director Andy Campbell told the room. "It makes our risk at the HCDC very low."

A short-term loan for \$35,000 will round out the funding and P4P has set a fundraising goal of \$75,000 for the project.

The upcoming Haliburton Hootenany concert at the Dominion Hotel on April 12 and the annual Highland Yard road race in August will help raise money for the project.

MPP Laurie Scott attended, thanking the group for its work.

"It's very important to the community to have organizations like yourself to form boards to get volunteers to come, put in the time and to fundraise," Scott said. "I know the waiting list for affordable housing never ends."

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Lisa Schell were also in attendance and MP Barry Devolin sent along a certificate with his congratulations.

In 2010, P4P opened the renovated Orange Lodge in Haliburton Village as a duplex and in 2012, opened another duplex at a home in Carnarvon.

With projects now in three of the county's four townships, Ward said the organization would be exploring opportunities in Highlands East.

The family will move into their new home April 1.

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Above right, guests and volunteers packed 5 Newcastle St. in Minden on March 21 to celebrate the completion of Places for People's third project.

Right, volunteer Judy Phipps and P4P chairman Rev. Max Ward are pleased with the home's transformation.



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The cast of *Dancing in the Third Act*, a performance coreographed by Randy Glynn. The production, created and performed in Annapolis Royal, N.S., featured 12 individuals, untrained in dance and between the ages of 60 and 75. A showing of the piece performed by a group of Orillia locals opens in Orillia in May, and the Orillia cast will be giving a performance at the Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities in Haliburton County this April. Photo submitted.

Randy Glynn brings show and experience to SPARC

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

Randy Glynn is dancing through life, and will be waltzing his way into Haliburton County this April. Glynn, recipient of the Clifford E. Lee Choreography Award in 1988 and choreographer of the critically acclaimed piece *Dancing in the Third Act*, will be bringing his extensive experience to vast pool of talent that will be presenting at the Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities. SPARC is taking place from April 24 to 27 and will feature presentations from various performing arts creators, producers and presenters.

Glynn will be sharing the experience he had choreographing *Dancing in the Third Act* in the rural community of Annapolis Royal, N.S. "What he did is the epitome of what SPARC is all about," says Rachel Gillooly, project coordinator for SPARC. "Making a production in a town with a population of 450 and selling almost twice as many tickets as the population of the town ... that just speaks to the whole notion of SPARC."

In the summer of 2012, Glynn began choreographing the project that has since erupted into something much larger than anticipated. "It started with a germ of an idea," he says. While developing a holiday flash mob for local merchants in Annapolis Royal, Glynn noticed the majority of the volunteers were seniors, and thought that if he could get those seniors on stage he would be able to choreograph a proper production.

And so, he did. Joined by 12 seniors, untrained in dance and ranging in age from 60 to 75, Glynn developed *Dancing in the Third Act*, a piece that "looks at the ups and downs (literally) of aging." The piece premiered at Annapolis Royal's ARTS Unleashed! Festival in August of 2013 and was met with praise from the audiences. Glynn explains that "all along we wanted to make a template that could be repeated in any local community," and already numerous other communities have asked to use the template so that they can put on a similar production.

Gillooly says that this type of ingenuity is precisely

what is needed to keep performing arts going in rural communities. "Talk about tapping the resources," she says, thinking about the possibility of a performance featuring seniors in Haliburton County. "This just speaks to how creative the performing arts are."

The beginning of May will find a rendition of *Dancing in the Third Act* opening at the Orillia Opera House with a cast consisting of residents of Orillia. Those Orillia cast members will be joining Glynn to partake in a studio showing of the performance at SPARC.

Although the cast of *Dancing in the Third Act* had no dance training beforehand, the same cannot be said for Glynn. "I've been around the block," he says, and he most certainly has. The 63-year old was born and raised in Ottawa, but left Ontario for the Northwest Territories at the age of 19. During his five years there, he worked as a mechanic, painted signs, played basketball and designed forms for the government, among other things. It was also in the Northwest Territories that a friend of his introduced him to the art of dance, and Glynn's eyes were opened to a new world. "It intrigued me because it was physical and challenging," he says.

He then went to Dalhousie University in Halifax where he studied music, English and dance. After helping form the Halifax Dance Co-op Dance Company and touring with them during the summer of 1977, Glynn decided to go to Toronto to try to find a place in the Danny Grossman Dance Company. Three months after moving to Toronto, he was on stage with the company in New York City.

After 10 years of dancing and choreographing with the Grossman Company, Glynn formed his own company in 1988. The Randy Glynn Dance Project presented more than 20 dances and set pieces in locations such as Ohio, Vancouver and Dublin. Throughout his career, Glynn has won the Clifford E. Lee award, been nominated for a Dora Mavor Moor award, gotten accepted into the world famous Pilobolus Dance Company, and taught classes at various Canadian universities as well as teaching private lessons. Yeah, he's been around the block.

Although his company closed down in 1994, when the Canada Council pulled its funding, Glynn has continued to do some choreographing, teach dancing lessons,

and has also turned to cabinet making. "I like to make things," he laughs.

Glynn is looking forward to being part of SPARC in Haliburton this April. He said it is always nice to see a venue where people with similar interests come together. To Glynn, performing arts are "an essential part of being a full person," and he hopes that events such as SPARC will continue to grow. He believes they will, saying, "there seems to be the will and humanity to do the performing arts. No matter how small the community, there are people interested in the performance arts." The symposium aims to make sure that such interests are cultivated, with the goal of the event being to share experience and expertise on how to grow and sustain performing arts in rural settings.

So far, the symposium is on track to do so. "It's SPARC-ing a great deal of interest," says Gillooly, adding the pun was completely intentional. With over 90 of the 140 spots full already, there have been a surprising number of registrations from outside Ontario. "We thought the majority of participants would be from Ontario," says Gillooly, "but there has been a group from out west, and another large group from the east, as in Newfoundland." There have even been registrations from places such as Whitehorse and areas as far away as Scotland.

The event will consist of a variety of workshops, more than 30 speakers, three plenaries and a range of performances and entertainment. Sessions include the likes of *Dusk Dances: It Takes a Village to Raise a Rural Dance Arts Event* and *Gros Morne Rocks: Promoting Arts and Performance in a National Park and World Heritage Site*, while the list of speakers features Inga Petri, president of Strategic Moves and Scott Walters, founder of the Center for Rural Arts Development and Leadership Education organization, among others.

A full program can be found on the event's website: sparcperformingarts.com, and those interested in attending SPARC can purchase tickets for the full symposium, single days, plenary keynotes, or the Saturday showcase can do so online. Any questions about the symposium can be directed to Gillooly at 705-454-8107 or rachel@sparcperformingarts.com.

Devolin in Korea for signing of trade agreement

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

MP Barry Devolin says the free trade agreement between Canada and South Korea will put Canada back on a level playing field with its southerly neighbour.

Devolin, who worked on the file, was in Seoul for finalization and announcement of the agreement along with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other MPs earlier this month.

The agreement has been a long time coming.

"The negotiations started with the Liberal government in 2005," Devolin said, adding it was nearly finalized in 2008.

However, South Korea had imposed a ban on Canadian beef over concerns about mad cow disease.

"It kind of created a political environment that made it difficult," Devolin said. That ban was lifted in 2012.

The U.S. already has an agreement in place with the Asian country. "American exporters have had a significant advantage over Canadians," Devolin said.

The trade deal is Canada's first in the Asia-Pacific market-

place and South Korea represents a significant market with its population of 50 million.

"They also have money," Devolin said. "It's a middle-class society, like ours." The trade deal should be a boon for agricultural producers all of sorts, particularly dairy, and more particularly, goat cheese.

"Dairy is not part of the traditional Asian diet," the MP said, explaining that many South Koreans are lactose-intolerant. Goat cheese contains no lactose.

Ford Canada voiced criticism of the agreement, contending it didn't provide adequate protection for Canadian auto producers. However, Ford already has access to South Korea through the American free trade agreement with the country, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper retorted that the company just wanted to maintain its advantage over other companies.

"I think it's a bit disingenuous what [Ford] was saying," Devolin said.

The MP taught in South Korea in the late 1990s.

AH auditions for small screen

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 20 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Algonquin Highlands' Elvin Johnson Park could be making an appearance on the small screen.

Parks, recreation and trails director Mark Coleman told council the park has made it into the top 15 of 200 entries as a shooting location for a children's show by Sinking Ship Entertainment.

The company does shoots for TV Ontario.

To waive or not to waive

Councillors received a request from SIRCH Community Services to donate space at the Stanhope and Dorset recreation centres for three food programming events this year.

"We do have a policy coming forward to put a cap on this sort of thing," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, adding she didn't mean to sound heartless but that the township received many such requests and that it couldn't afford to be continually waiving rental fees for its facilities.

"It's long overdue that we have that conversation about fees and policies," said Councillor Marlene Kyle.

Currently there is no set framework dictating criteria for the waiving of fees, with council dealing with such requests on a one-by-one basis.

Councillors resolved to waive rental fees for the first event - scheduled for April - and wait for the policy to come forward dealing with the two other donation requests.

A similar conversation has been ongoing in Minden Hills, with some members of council wanting the township's rental spaces to generate more revenue.

Tree clearing tender awarded

Council gave a contract for the tree-clearing of an area to store timber from the larger tree-clearing going on at the Stanhope Airport to Cedar Springs Landscape.

The total costs for clearing and grubbing will be \$31,000.

"The purpose of this will be substantial savings for trucking," said chief administrative officer Angie Bird.

The township is clearing about six hectares of trees at the airport as part of a site prep agreement to make way for a \$12-million fire response base the MNR is building there.

Among other commitments, the township is responsible for the construction of an access road, parking lot and the removal of four hectares of trees for the base itself.



It's long overdue that we have that conversation about fees and policies.

— Councillor Marlene Kyle
on waiving fees for charitable events

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Art symposium to tackle acceptance

Jenn Watt
Editor

Student and community artwork on the theme of acceptance will be displayed around the hallways of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as part of a symposium organized by the Gay Straight Alliance.

On April 17 from 4 to 8 p.m., members of the public are welcome to tour the show, sample some hors d'oeuvres and take in a family friendly movie at the school's theatre.

The event will highlight the GSA's mandate of creating safe spaces for all people, regardless of sexual orientation, said the group's president, Grade 12 student Bethany Little.

"We just want to get involved and let people know we're here. It's not like [the GSA is] where the gay people go. This is where it's a safe space and we're trying to promote a safe place for everyone," she said.

Prize money will be given out to the people's choice selection and another work selected by a jury.

Admission is by donation.

The competition is called Blush and students are encouraged to submit art about "whatever makes you blush." While art from the wider community is welcomed, only student art is part of the competition.

Money for the prizes and for the catering comes from a \$1,000 Speak Up grant the GSA successfully applied for.

In creating the arts event, the GSA also wanted to reach out to a faction of the high school that is less often represented to the community and in the media: the artists.

"It's an outreach to the arts programs in our school, too. It's not another football game or anything else," said GSA vice-president and Grade 12 student Kathleen Tedford.

"You see in the paper all the time who won the football game, the soccer game ... so the arts kids don't tend to get out there as much," said Bethany.

Those who want to participate in the show can email either Bethany or Kathleen by April 10 at bethymylittle@gmail.com or kathleen.tedford@hotmail.com.

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AH asks residents to join lobby

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands council will be asking the township's residents to join the lobby against the new OPP billing formula set for 2015.

At a special March 12 county council meeting, councillors agreed to request their respective lower-tier council pay for mail-outs to property owners, asking them to send correspondence to the province opposing the formula.

It would see annual policing costs in Haliburton County jump from \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million.

Absorbing this increase would equate to property tax increases of between 20 per cent and, in Algonquin Highlands, 36 per cent.

"What I need from council is approval in principle for the mailer," Reeve Carol Moffatt told her colleagues.

The mail-out, which would include text approved at the county level, would be included with the township's spring tax bill.

The county is asking that correspondence go to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Community Safety Minister Madeleine Meilleur and, especially for seasonal residents, their home MPPs.

"They're finding out that the home-turf MPPs don't know what's going on," Moffatt said.

Under the new formula, some municipalities would see their costs increase, others decrease, as the province attempts to equalize OPP payments at \$369 per household.

The majority of so-called "loser" townships are rural and the widespread, negative impact of the proposed formula has just recently hit the Toronto media.

One-hundred ninety townships would see increases and of those, only the District of Muskoka would be more adversely affected than Haliburton County, with its collective annual OPP costs spiking from \$9.7 million to \$17 million.

The county's reeves made a delegation to Meilleur during the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, with little response.

"The ministry is really quite silent on this and seems to have made the OPP its spokesperson, despite the fact it's a ministry initiative," Moffatt said.

A rep for the OPP will visit county council on Wednesday, March 26 to answer questions.

A list of those questions were given to the rep in advance. The answers themselves will come from the ministry, but be delivered by the OPP rep, who, as Moffatt pointed out, may not have answers to follow-up questions.

"It's not very helpful, but that's what we're getting," Moffatt said.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid is the county's representative on an OPP billing steering committee set up by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. That committee is expected to have a report with recommendations out next month.

"The last idea that came from the AMO steering committee is the M-word," Moffatt said. "Mitigation." Mitigation funding that would help municipalities with the financial burden and eventually be phased out has been suggested by some municipalities, although county politicians have said this is simply not good enough.

Under the Ontario Police Services Act, municipalities can create their own forces, hire that of another municipality or form joint forces with adjacent municipalities.

However, according to the province, this could cost as much as \$700 per household.

Minden Hills council has already supported a mail-out and Dysart et al and Highlands East councils are expected to do so at their next scheduled meetings.

The mail-out in Minden Hills will cost about \$5,500. The cost for Algonquin Highlands, which has fewer residents, is not clear yet.

"It will cost something somewhere along the line," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. "We can't afford not to spend a little more money right now."

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has also suggested orchestrating a "day of action," during which residents would call, email and contact the province via social media about the issue.

"We're trying to ensure we're having the best impact by having a united front," Moffatt said. "Once these machines start moving, it's very difficult to stand in front of them."

Moffatt said it's not expected that a final decision on the billing model will be made before summer.

After a two-year pay freeze, OPP officers received an 8.55 per cent pay hike this year. The average first-class constable makes more than \$90,000 a year, with OPP officers throughout the province paid at the same rate as the country's highest-paid force, the Toronto Police Service.

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our editorial

Dear Madeleine

MADELEINE MEILLEUR should resign as Ontario's minister of community safety and correctional services.

It seems she has no interest in doing her job fully, so why not let someone else take a crack at it?

The proposed and extremely flawed OPP billing model set to come into effect in 2015 will financially hobble the small community of Haliburton County.

In one swift spike, its collective policing costs will jump from \$3.3 to \$8.5 million, equating to tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent for the lower-tier townships that comprise it.

Haliburton County has virtually no industrial or commercial tax base and per capita among its year-round residents is one of the poorest municipalities in the province.

Meilleur is aware of all this.

She's aware because a delegation of local politicians spoke to her about the problem at the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference.

By all accounts, her response was unflinching and disinclined to any semblance of dialogue. The thing seems to be a done deal as far she's concerned, and that's troublesome.

It's troublesome because politicians are supposed to be creative problem-solvers, and as much as Meilleur is clearly trying to ignore this issue, it's a major problem.

And it's her problem.

It's her ministry that has done a

poor job keeping policing costs in this province reasonable.

The ministry hides behind the OPP, leaving them to do the talking, while it is the ministry that allowed them an 8.55 per cent salary increase for 2014 and it is the ministry that is ultimately responsible for the billing framework.

The province's auditor general has noted that OPP costs far outpace inflation, even with declining crime and collision rates.

The auditor general has also criticized the lack of transparency in the funding model.

Precisely how the model works and how billing got so lopsided and out of whack in the first place remains as mysterious as the details of the Big Bang.

Actually, following a discovery last week, we now know more about the Big Bang than we do about how OPP billing actually works.

Mitigation funding is being suggested by some to help ease the financial burden, but in the case of Haliburton County, that's like applying a Band-aid to an amputated limb.

This whole issue has to go back to the proverbial drawing board. The residents of the 190 municipalities that are going to see their OPP costs rise need and deserve a creative problem-solver.

Meilleur should either resign or get involved.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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"SO WE'RE STAYING IN AND WATCHING THE STARS AGAIN?"

letters to the editor

Comments on cottagers not appreciated

Dear Ms. Moffatt - get off your Toffatt!

Please know that "angry cottagers" are *tax-payers* - not just a pain in your side. Your derogatory comments are not appreciated. Take a look at your tax base and see where it all comes from - you serve us not the other way around. And yes when you propose bylaws that affect "cottagers" and have meetings without using obvious methods like publishing it in our taxes rather than the crap you feed us there or by putting it in the paper, it makes us very suspicious and untrusting. Not everyone has the time to visit the website on a regular basis to see if we are getting the shaft.

I could go on and on about being treated throughout the county as a group of second-class citizens but I would really just say

that it is time for a council change. It would be awesome if the cottage associations got together and put forth candidates that would fight for the rights of "angry cottagers." I don't accept such comments from my employees - which you forget you clearly are. There will be a point you will find yourself on the outside of council looking in - a great day for the county.

I encourage every cottager to vote in the next election. I encourage a candidate to step up and fight for us and work for our vote and when elected serve all residents respectfully.

Jamie Pritchard
Big Hawk Lake

Thanks to good Samaritan

To the Editor,

Thank you, thank you, for helping me up, checking me out and getting me on my way. Having fallen face first on the ice back in February, I didn't think anyone would see me. And I'm so grateful to the

person who stopped to help. (Sorry, but I've forgotten your name, but wanted to thank you).

Grateful Old Bird
Norland

points of view

Interesting

MY BUDDY TOM and I rarely pull our punches when we talk to each other. It's been that way for years too.

So when I started regaling him with a bit of trivia about shooting a long bow the other day, he listened.

I told him about how I've gained considerably more accuracy by simply canting my bow a little more than normal. I then told him about my conundrum regarding arrows: namely do I try aluminum arrows out or stick to the carbon arrows that have served me so well?

As always, he heard me out and, when I finished, said, "Interesting."

I caught something in his voice that made me hesitate, however.

So I paused and waited for the other shoe to drop – which it promptly did.

"And, by interesting, I mean you just bored the hell out of me," he concluded.

This came as no surprise to me.

So we both laughed a little and continued our conversation, as if nothing happened.

A lot of people might be horrified by this but that's only because they are not used to the brutal honesty Tom and I offend each other with on a daily basis. It's certainly not pretty but we've been this way with each other for more than 15 years, so it's the norm. We both know how to dish it out and, more importantly, how to take it.

The net result is the other guy keeps you honest. That is to say I can count on Tom to tell me when I'm full or it and he can count to return the favour.

That's important because Tom is primarily an artist who makes his living illustrating magazine articles and children's books.

And I make my living writing.

Both are insular professions where, often, the only feedback is positive – not because all your work is good, but rather because most people are too polite or non-committal to call you out on the bad stuff.

So having a friend like Tom is a good thing because it stops you from believing too much of your own press. Conversely, on the rare occasions when he or I compliment the other's

work or thoughts, we both know that the compliment is either well-deserved or a set up just to see if the other let his guard down.

Both of us know this much, so at least it's a level playing field.

Anyhow after I had said my piece, Tom turned the discussion towards his passion, which is birding. In this particular instance, he was telling me about how the birding club he

is in looking for goshawk nests throughout the province.

He described in great detail how they spent the weekend snowshoeing through suitable habitat in search of nests. He then told me that the ideal location is a big stand of white pines near habitat that holds a solid prey base of ruffed grouse or varying hares.

He then went on about how the snow was deep and how they have to find those nests in the next little while because finding goshawk nests is a time sensitive thing.

Tom doesn't normally get excited about things, but this was certainly the exception.

"Can you believe they're going through their courtship behaviour right now?" he asked. "Cool, huh?"

"Interesting, very, very interesting..." I replied.

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Who gets the vote?

WHEN IT COMES to the right to vote, Ontario is of two minds.

Provincially, you must vote where you live. Though you may own land on the Buller Road, if you move to Alberta, you lose your vote in the next Ontario election. So says Elections Ontario. That makes sense to me.

Municipally, however, you can live anywhere you please and, so long as you are a Canadian citizen, vote everywhere you own Ontario real estate. Or rent it, for that matter. Does that make sense to you?

You don't even have to be living in Canada to cast your vote for the next reeve of Minden Hills. You can exercise your franchise from Rangoon or Nantucket, just so long as you own land here.

Minden Hills makes it even easier to vote from away this fall. You will be able to have your electoral say online, cast your ballot just after you pay your phone bill but before you check your emails. Let your fingers do the voting.

It is an odd approach to democracy, attaching the vote to real estate instead of people. It feels like a hangover from the 19th century, when the vote was restricted to yeomen.

In 2014, every Canadian who owns or rents real estate in Minden Hills has a vote. Permanent residents will be a minority on our voting list.

The logic is that absentee property-owners should have a say in who sets

the tax rate and land-use policies that affect their property values.

Of course, the province pockets a far bigger chunk of your property taxes than does the township, but logic only goes so far. Moved to Alberta, you endure provincial taxation without representation on your Buller Road estate.

Municipally, if you rent out your house on Buller Road, you and your spouse can cast your Minden Hills vote from Alberta. All of the adult members of your tenant's household can vote too.

If four siblings inherit the family cottage, they and their spouses all can vote. If they winterize the cottage and rent it to somebody else, the tenants can vote, too.

In short, the theoretical limit on the number of votes that could erupt from a single property is just this side of infinity. Each of those voters could also run for office.

Taken at face value, the guidelines on a provincial website seem to open the door for leasing an election. A come-from-away can lease a scrap of land and get herself elected.

That's about what happened not far from here in 2010. There's nothing in the guidelines to explain why a special-interest group couldn't lease enough scraps of land to its friends to steal an election in a thinly-populated township,

though that's never happened.

Some of the rules are entertaining. An employee of the County of Haliburton can seek a seat on Minden Hills council, just so he doesn't get himself elected reeve or deputy.

That would put him on county council and in a position where he was answering to himself, which would be confusing. However, an employee of one township can sit on council in another, as one Minden councillor did for several years.

The whole county has a single trustee on Trillium Lakelands District School

Board. A land baron might get ballots from all four townships; it's up to him to remember not to vote for the trustee more than once.

If a voter breaks that or any other rule, he might get himself in trouble, but his ballot will be counted because there's no way of telling who cast it.

This column was supposed to have been about how Minden Hills' Chief Administrative Officer, Nancy Wright-Laking, pulls together the voters' list. She and a couple of patient provincial bureaucrats went to great lengths to explain the process to me and now I have wasted all these words on bemused digression.

This summer the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation delivers a

rough draft of a Minden Hills voters' list and Wright-Laking goes to work on editing it, looking for folks who are listed twice, or moved away, or died, and tries to figure out who isn't a Canadian citizen.

Instructions on how to find out whether you are on the voters' list, and how to vote online or by telephone will be enclosed with the final tax bill. You will be able to vote online over a span of several days through Oct. 27, the formal election date.

We geezers won't have to vote by remote control; we'll have the option of casting a paper ballot at the township office. I'll leave it to Chad Ingram to explain the details somewhere down the road.

Wright-Laking plans a marketing blitz to get out the vote, though it's the politicians' job to get people interested. The CAO even plans a visit to the high school to remind the 18-year-olds that they can vote now, too.

It's all very 21st Century. Time was, local elections were great civic occasions. You saw your neighbours at the polling station, the candidates lurking outside. One might buy you a drink, except it was illegal.

Now voting, like so much of modern life, has lost its gravitas. It's a digital transaction carried out in the privacy of your own home. Press Send and you're done.

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Skills upgrading program to hold open house

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Anyone interested in updating their reading, writing, math or computer skills can attend an open house on the John Howard Society's literacy outreach program.

The open house will take place April 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the society's Minden office at 14 IGA Rd. (the Godfather's plaza).

"The whole premise of the open house is to focus on literacy basic skills," says Debbie Hamilton, outreach literacy program co-ordinator.

The program offers skills upgrading for those looking to complete high school courses, attend college, pursue an apprenticeship or apply for a job.

"I stumbled across that we actually have something called Adult Learners Week," Hamilton said, explaining the event was scheduled to coincide. "I thought what a great way to promote literacy in Canada, literacy in our county and literacy in our community," Hamilton said.

After an assessment, customized learning plans are created for each client.

Distance learning is also available.

"If they can get access to a computer, we can use Skype, Google Hangout or Google Docs," Hamilton says. "I'm trying to reach out to people so there are no barriers to learning."

The open house will include three speakers; Hamilton, a rep from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and Marion Willemsen, who does academic upgrading for Fleming College.

The programs offered by the society are funded by the ministry and are free of charge for clients.

Hamilton stressed the outreach program does not provide formal accreditations. It is focused on skills development, helping people along the way to whatever their particular goal may be.

Hamilton does tutoring herself, but the society is also looking for volunteer tutors.

"They have to be strong in the areas of reading, writing and math," she says.

For more information call 705-328-0472.

The society also does programming in conjunction with the Haliburton County Public Library.

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The whole premise of the open house is to focus on literacy basic skills.

— Debbie Hamilton



Debbie Hamilton is literacy outreach program co-ordinator for the John Howard Society Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton. The society is holding an open house on the program on April 2.



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Jessica Slade (centre), a HHSS graduate and current Laurier student, met some new friends on a 2013 trip to Guatemala through the Water Ambassadors organization. Slade is currently fundraising for a school related volunteer trip to Colombia this coming May. Photo submitted

HHSS grad preparing for Colombia trip

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

and at the moment Slade plans to spend one month in Colombia, although she can opt to extend her stay at any point while she is there.

In preparation for their placements, Slade's class has been fundraising collectively at Laurier, in addition to each student collecting independently. "So far, I have stuck to rather traditional fundraising methods, such as sending out letters and inviting people out for coffee to see if they would be interested in donating," says Slade. She will be returning to her home in Algonquin Highlands at the beginning of April, and is in the process of planning a local fundraising event to take place mid-April in Haliburton County.

The Highlands is where it all began for Slade and she is proud to give credit to the community. "Haliburton County is really known for how they come together," she says, adding the local support given throughout the years "is the reason I am able to be doing this." She attributes her desire to pursue a career in global development to opportunities including her high school world issues class and to the week-long well drilling trip to Nicaragua she took through the locally founded Water Ambassadors organization. Such experiences had a profound effect on her. "They showed me that the world is bigger than the world I experience every day," she said.

Slade is looking forward to her trip, and is especially excited to be immersing herself in the local culture of Colombia. "There's no special treatment for the volunteers, we will just be doing as the locals do. It is going to be a growing experience."

Anyone interested in learning more about Slade's upcoming trip is encouraged to contact her at 705-854-0014 or jessica.slade@live.com

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Make a plan, urges health system info session

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

Attendees were urged to plan for possible emergencies during the most recent Need to Know Community Education Series presentation held on Tuesday, March 18. The session titled Navigating the Health Care System in Haliburton County was presented in the morning at the Minden and District Lions Club and in the afternoon at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce. Organized by the Haliburton County Service Providers Network and featuring a panel of representatives from various health services within the county, the free event drew in approximately 75 participants across the two locations. The information session began with each health care representative on the panel giving a 15-minute presentation outlining the services offered by their respective organizations and concluded with a question and answer segment.

Marilyn Rydberg from SIRCH facilitated the presentation, and the panel was comprised of Kris Baird from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Darlene Armstrong from the Family Health Team, Sheri McKeen from the Central East Community Care Access Centre, Brigitte Gebauer from Community Care and Jane Rosenberg of Extendicare Haliburton. During her segment at the Minden session, McKeen encouraged everyone to plan for the worst while hoping for the best. "Make a plan. Hopefully you won't have to enact it, but there's nothing worse than making a decision in crisis with no input on what the person wants."

Rydberg echoed McKeen's sentiment later during the information session, recommending that audience members know the offered services before needing them in order to take full advantage of what's available. "It's really important to advocate for yourself." Using the example of Community Care's Home at Last program, Rydberg said, "you can't make a doctor make a referral, but you can refer yourself." She further explained that in large hospitals such as those in Toronto, not all the staff will have knowledge of the services related to Haliburton County and it may therefore require direct inquiry to receive access.

A hot topic of discussion during the question and ask period at the Minden presentation was seniors housing and extended care. In response to questions about the wait times for rooms in extended care, Rosenberg explained that it depends on the type of room that is required and that wait times can be about six months.

There was also concern about a lack of services for people who are unable to live at home alone but don't yet need extended care. The panel members were adamant that such individuals would not "fall through the cracks," but noted the worth of looking into private health care services if more assistance than what the public services can offer is required.

McKeen informed the audience that if health services are required, the CECCAC can help figure out where to start, saying, "if you don't know who to call, call the CCAC and we'll point you in the right direction." Armstrong added that because the health care organizations in Haliburton County are so well connected, any of them would be happy to put you in touch with the organization that offers the services you need.

The next information session in the Haliburton County Service Providers Network's Community Education Series is scheduled for April 15, and will be on the topic of superfoods.



Zach Cox Staff

Above, audience members listen as representatives from various health care organizations promote services and answer questions at the Navigating the Health Care System in Haliburton County information session put on by the Haliburton County Service Providers Network on Tuesday, March 18.

Left, Extendicare Haliburton's Jane Rosenberg (right) answers the questions of attendees at the Need to Know information session regarding health care.

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County councillors want more info on where funding goes

County councillors want more information on where the municipality's money is going.

During a finance and correspondence committee meeting, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said she'd like more detailed information on how money the county gives to some agencies is used.

"I find it very odd that someone would send you an invoice for \$380,000 and not tell you what they're doing for you," Reid said, referring to a payment to the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Heath Unit. "I probably should have asked this question three years ago."

Treasurer Laura Janke said the county had requested a budget from the health unit before, but had not received

such.

Reid suggested that council move to suspend all payments to the health unit until the county received the financial information.

"I thought the same thing," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. "Is suspension of payment drastic?"

"It's provincially mandated, I can tell you that," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, adding it was his understanding that the money was used for a variety of programs, from rabies shots to the mitigation of communicable diseases.

Payments to the health unit are based on the county's year-round population.

County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson suggested

councillors leave the issue with staff who would try again to get the information and that after that, council would deal it as members saw fit.

Reid said she's also like to see a more detailed breakdown from the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation.

The corporation, to which the county contributed more than \$750,000 last year for affordable housing, does provide a budget breakdown of sorts, showing how much it costs to operate each of its facilities.

However, Reid said she'd like to see more detail regarding how much is spent on maintenance, salaries, benefits, etc.

- By Chad Ingram

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Protecting what sustains us

Biodiversity council chairman shares warnings to crowd at U-Links event

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Nothing short of an all-out social movement is needed to maintain the planet's biodiversity, according to Steve Hounsell.

Hounsell is chairman of the Ontario Biodiversity Council and was the keynote speaker at U-Links' annual Celebration of Research at the Great Hall at Fleming College March 22.

"The two major issues of our time, biodiversity and climate change, are intertwined," Hounsell said. "The point is we cannot survive without nature."

However, he pointed out, with the exception of a few species of lice that have evolved specifically to humans, nature would probably do just fine without us.

"Let's look at the Earth as a giant, living bank account," Hounsell said. "Well folks, we're in the red."

Earth Overshoot Day is the day each year when humanity's consumption of natural resources surpasses the Earth's capacity to regenerate them. For 2013, that day was Aug. 20.

"After that, we've gone into overdraft," Hounsell said, adding that people need to become more aware of how much nature there is, versus how much nature is being used.

The Earth only has three per cent of its native grasslands and savannas left. Seventy-two per cent of its wetlands have been lost.

Hounsell said if environmental damage caused by humans was put into financial terms, it equals a loss between \$2.5 and \$4.5 trillion a year, for the past 25 years.

And Ontarians are some of the worst ecological offenders on the planet, with the fourth highest per capita environmental footprint behind the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Kuwait. Canada, as a whole, is No. 8.

"[Ontarians] tend to be more consumptive than the average Canadian," Hounsell said.

The average ecological footprint of an Ontarian is 8.5 hectares, while the Earth only has room for each person to have an ecological footprint of 2.1 hectares.

"If all seven billion of us lived the way we

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Let's look at the Earth as a giant, living bank account. Well folks, we're in the red.

— Steve Hounsell

do . . . it would take the resources of four planets," Hounsell said.

Humans are killing the planet's biodiversity, thereby threatening their own existence, through habitat loss, pollution, population growth, over-harvesting and the transport of invasive species.

"By the way, we should probably take a look in the mirror when we talk about invasive species," Hounsell quipped.

But the biggest contributor to decreasing biodiversity, one that may become driven by and eclipse the others, Hounsell said, is climate change.

"What are we doing about this biodiversity crisis?" he asked. "Make no mistake, globally it is a crisis."

In 2011, the biodiversity council created the Ontario Biodiversity Strategy.

"It's about protecting what sustains us," Hounsell said to an environmentally conscious audience.

"I know I'm speaking to the converted. We need to reach out to others."

And engagement, making biodiversity awareness part of mainstream culture, is one of the strategy's main goals.

That means incorporating biodiversity into decision making, from that of all levels of government to that of the individual. Importantly, it must also become an imperative in the marketplace.

"Business and industry also need to participate," Hounsell said.

Encouragingly, he said, 16 Ontario ministries have stated they have a role in conserving biodiversity.

But these changes at the government and business levels must be driven by individuals in order to happen. "Purchase green, sustainable products," Hounsell said. "The marketplace will, in turn, respond."

Similarly, citizens must start inquiring about political parties' biodiversity policies if there is to be political will to create change.

"What is needed is nothing short of a social movement," Hounsell said.

At a personal level, people can engage in biodiversity-friendly behaviours such as buying locally produced foods and planting native spe-

cies on their properties.

"You can address biodiversity at all levels, including in your backyard," Hounsell said.

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2014 – 2015 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft Minden Forest

The **Bancroft District Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** has reviewed and approved the Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC) April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Bancroft Minden Forest**.

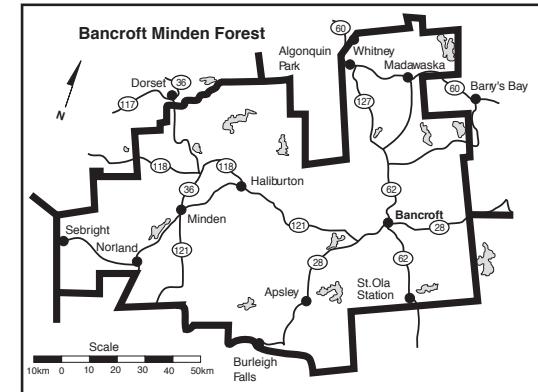
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The AWS will be available for public inspection at the BMFC company office and the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 24, 2014**

and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at North Kawartha Township Public Library in Apsley and ServiceOntario in Minden provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.



Tree Planting and Fuelwood

BMFC is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft Minden Forest. Please contact BMFC (tel: 613-332-6890) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations and licence requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact Krista Fergusson at the Bancroft District Office (tel: 613-332-3940 ext. 226). For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact BMFC General Manager Peter Nitschke.

More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

Gareth Davies, R.P.F., Management Forester

Ministry of Natural Resources
Bancroft District Office
106 Monck Street
Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0
tel: 613-332-3940 ext. 248
fax: 613-332-0608

Peter Nitschke, R.P.F., General Manager

Bancroft Minden Forest Company
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Red Hawks hockey team wins OFSAA bronze

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks clutched a bronze medal at last week's OFSAA championships in Burlington and Oakville, a record-setting performance for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's boys' hockey team.

The Hawks took down the team from Robert F. Hall CSS in a 5-4-overtime victory.

"I told them it was an amazing accomplishment," coach

Ron Yake wrote in an email to the paper.

Making the podium at the Ontario Federation School Athletics Association was not just an unprecedented feat for the school in hockey, but in any team sport.

"Before the game I told them they were Kawartha champions and COSSA champions and that the coaches, their parents and the community were extremely proud of what they had done," Yake wrote.

He told the boys not to worry about playing a perfect game and to just play to the best of their abilities.

"After the game I told them they played like champions."

The team came back to win the bronze medal game after a 4-1 loss to Appleby College in the tournament's semi-final.

The record-setting performance came down to cohesion and teamwork.

"We have had multiple stars throughout our playoff

run," Yake wrote. "It has been spectacular. I feel our team is known as an explosive offensive team through our puck movement and strong forecheck. Our strong defensive end has added to our attack all season."

Character also played a huge role in the historic finish.

"We lost to Bracebridge in Game 2 of the pool-play and many thought the season may be over," Yake wrote. "We battled through Norwell and then played an outstanding game against Fort Francis that put us in the medal round. In the bronze game we battled with some penalty issues and Robert Hall coming back and tying the game at 4-4 to put us into OT. The boys always believed that it could happen, and it did."

The Red Hawks last competed in the OFSAA hockey championship in 2010, with the team's previous best finish a fourth place in 2004.

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Bantam A Storm takes lead in finals

Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam As travelled to Mount Brydges on the weekend to play two games in the all-Ontario finals.

On Saturday's game it didn't take long for the Storm boys to get on the board as Matt Wilbee scored two minutes into the game assisted by Owen Smitty Smith. Mount Brydges came right back and tied it up moments later.

Then at 4:17 left in the first Ethan Keefer scored on a shot from the point assisted by Paydon Mischio.

Then 42 seconds later Wilbee scored his second of the game assisted by Nolan Flood and Jake Bishop to end the first period 3-1.

Mount Brydges scored the only goal in the second to make it 3-2. Then with 7:13 left Owen Patterson Smith put it top shelf to make it 4-2 assisted by Kyle Cooper and Mischio.

Mischio finished the game off with an open net goal with 30 seconds left unassisted.

Game 2 Sunday afternoon saw the Cougars take the lead



HHHS president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian's vital signs are checked by RN Carol Holmes, RN Michelle St. Germain, HHHSF board member and secretary treasurer Carol Patrick, and HHHS executive director Dale Walker.

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early in the game, which was the only goal of the first two periods.

Both teams had lots of shots on net but both goaltenders seemed to be on fire with Josh Bellefleur making several big saves.

One minute into the third Kyle Cooper took some of the stress off for the Storm fans as he tied the game at one assisted by Owen Patterson Smith.

Paydon Mischio scored, which proved to be the game winner with six minutes left, assisted by Cooper to give Storm the win and a 2-1 lead in the series.

Storm plays this Saturday at 6 p.m. and again Sunday at 1:30 p.m. if need be.

Both games will be at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton. Come out and cheer on your local boys as they are en route to being the all-Ontario champions!

Submitted by Craig Smith

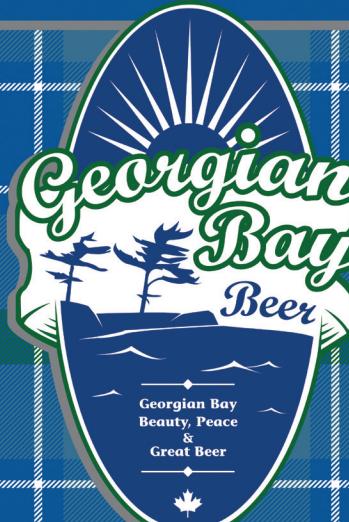
Believe in magic

The heart monitor and vital signs monitors were purchased with funds raised from Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Believe in the Magic of Giving Campaign.

The total raised was \$107,000 and those generous donations helped fund not only the heart monitor and the two vital signs monitors, but also two more vital signs monitors, patient ceiling lifts, ADUs and two bath chairs and scales for both Minden and Haliburton sites.

Photos submitted by Dale Walker

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Stroke support group ready to ride

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

"It's not what's missing, it's what's there." Those were the words behind the Canadian Paralympic Committee's Sochi 2014 advertisement campaign, and those were the words with which Lois Rigney opened the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group meeting on Thursday, March 20. The support group, founded in 2007 by Rigney, her now-late husband Ross and Shannon Robinson, a registered nurse with the Family Health Team, meets the third Thursday of every month in the Hyland Crest Fireside Lounge and draws attendees from all across the county.

The March 2014 meeting began with Rigney recapping several of her favourite paralympic moments. She spoke about Brian McKeever, a Canadian paralympic cross-country skier who fell early into the

final of the men's visually impaired one-kilometre race but got up, made up lost time, and won gold. She also touched on the closing ceremonies where Aleksey Chuvashov, a Russian summer paralympian who has no legs, climbed a 15-metre rope to add an apostrophe that changed the word "impossible" into "I'm possible." Rigney emphasised the fact that the paralympians do not let their disabilities hold them back, saying, "they are survivors and they're not letting that stop them one iota."

Rigney said that the stroke survivors at the meeting were similar to the paralympians in that they have not let a stroke hold them back. She praises the caregivers as well, saying, "I give the caregivers a gold medal too." The whole group agreed, "worry doesn't take away today's trouble, it just takes away today's pleasure." These inspiring thoughts are common at the Stroke Support Group meetings and Carol Brown, a nurse with the Family Health Team says that the meetings are a great

place to "see people using their strengths, celebrating the strengths in all of us, and demonstrating wonderful attitudes towards living."

The monthly meetings often feature informational sessions for stroke survivors and their caregivers so that they have a better understanding of what strokes are, the different types, how they happen, symptoms, prevention methods, and more. There are also guest speakers at times. As a whole though, the support group meetings let stroke survivors know they're not alone. Rigney refers to it as "talk therapy." Joan Stinson, an active volunteer within the group and caregiver for her husband Bob, said that meeting people who went through similar trials and having the opportunity to interact with them reminded her husband that he was still a person.

This month, along with talk of the Paralympics and an interactive discussion about various aspects of stroke, a portion of the meeting was dedicated to the upcoming

Heart and Stroke Big Bike event. The event has teams, one of which will be the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group team, collect pledges for riders who will pedal a 30-person bike along a two-kilometre route. The Haliburton County bike ride will be taking place on Thursday, May 22, and will begin at Head Lake Park. This is the Stroke Support Group's third year entering a team into the event, and they are aiming to be the Peterborough area group that raises the largest amount of funds. Rigney encourages the community to donate: "If you're going to do a Heart and Stroke donation this year, why not do it this way?" she says, adding that tax receipts are given for donations of \$15 and above.

Those interested in learning more about the Stroke Support Group, or who would like to donate to the support group's Big Bike team, can contact Rigney at 705-286-1765 or Robinson at the Family Health Team at 705-457-1212 ext. 252.

Finn Tentrees is this month's HCPL celebrity reader

This month's Celebrity Reader is Finn Tentrees, a Grade 6 student in the French immersion program at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton.

Finn read *Hollow City* by Ransom Riggs, and had this to say about the book:

"I read *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* which I thought was an amazing book, and this is the sequel to it.

"I loved how the characters have unique powers, interesting personalities, and a common cause that unites them.

"The book was kind of eerie, but also suspenseful and exciting.

"You're not sure who is an enemy and who is a friend. It's a one-of-a-kind unique story. I can't compare it to any other book.

"I recommend this book to people who like spooky stories, danger at every corner; when you don't know what is going to happen next. Warning: This book is full of surprises!"

It had everything I was looking for: excitement, suspense, it also had some romance which opens paths for adventure, fantasy and suspense."

Finn normally reads fantasy, adventure, and suspenseful stories and lists the *Beyonders Series Ranger's Apprentice Series*, and *Inheritance Cycle* as some of his favourites.

Finn wants to share his love of reading, and says: "I would like people to read more often. It's something you will never get tired of, and no matter what, there will

always be many books out there that you will enjoy."

Thank you, Finn, for being this month's Celebrity Reader! All of the titles mentioned can be reserved at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Do you have a book that you want to share? Contact Erin Kernohan-Berning at 705-457-2241 or ekernohan@haliburtonlibrary.ca and we may feature you as one of our Celebrity Readers.

Watch for more news from the Haliburton County Public Library alternating weeks in the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*.



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Career & Business Opportunities



Registered Nurse - Seniors Health (1.0 FTE)

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team is a primary health corporation dedicated to improving the health of the residents of Haliburton County. We are looking for an innovative and energetic Registered Nurse to join our team. Operating within his/her full scope of practice the RN will provide primary care nursing and the delivery of programs focusing on Seniors Health. Working in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team, the Registered Nurse will share expertise and knowledge in seniors health with clients and their families, as well as other health care professionals.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing is required.
- Current Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) is required.
- Current Ontario Driver's License.
- Demonstrated experience in a Primary Care Setting.
- Demonstrated experience working with Seniors
- Strong leadership, communication and program development skills.

Contact Information:

Please forward cover letter and resume by April 17, 2014 @5:00 pm to darlene.armstrong@hhfht.com. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-058/13
Applicant: Rocco & Giovanna MASTROMARTINO
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 31, Concession A, Geographic Township of Hindon and Pt. Lot 31, Concession A, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
2. File No. H-001/14
Applicant: Iain KAY & Joyce NILSSON
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 4 & 5, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 26th day of March, 2014

Michele Moore
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
11 Newcastle Street
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Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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Last Saturday afternoon at Minden Legion, the Highlands Trio went all out playing its unique combination of old favourites and down east music for a large appreciative audience.

Their loyal fans from all over the county were singing along in the background, and there were lots of compliments to the vol-

unteers: Roy Flieger the bartender and "The Philly Girls," Diane, Sharon and Helen. Special kudos to Helen Ford who stepped in when someone else couldn't come due to illness. We're looking forward to the next time that the Highlands Trio comes back to the Legion, it was a great afternoon! Stay tuned for the date to be announced.

On Sunday afternoon, fans by the fireplace were watching NASCAR laps while a second group in the corner was watching the

see MEAT page 15

Haliburton Highlands

Ontario 55+ Winter Games
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2015

A CALL TO ARTISTS

From February 17th to 19th, 2015, Haliburton County will play host to more than 1,000 participants, coaches and officials who will compete in 10 sporting events. All competitors are 55 years of age or over and are great examples of what an active lifestyle can do to improve health in the senior years.

Instead of medals that may be put away in drawers, once again, we would like to present the first, second and third place winners with a unique and perhaps usable memento of their accomplishment here in the Haliburton Highlands. An example would be a stain glass sun catcher that could be both hung on a ribbon and later hung in a window. In 2011 Artech won with their very popular glass ice sculpture with the logo embedded.

These "medals" must have the words: *Haliburton Highlands 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games* on them, but other than that, we are open to all design ideas. Also to be taken into consideration is the budget of \$8-\$10 per piece with approximately 150-200 pieces required per level, 450-500 "medals/awards" in total.

The winning artist/s will be featured at every opportunity, including the souvenir program, website and local press.

Submissions of the design, with preferably a prototype, will be accepted on or before *April 30, 2014 at the Games office (Dysart Room at the Pinestone Resort) in Haliburton, or to the County offices located at 11 Newcastle St. Minden K0M 2A1. For further information or enquires please contact the Games General Manager, Myke Malone at myke@ontariogamesprogram.com or call 705-783-9300.*

This competition is open to residents of Haliburton County and students studying here.

Marcia Mandel
Special Events & Awards Committee

Notices



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE

The seventeenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest.

2014-15 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. **Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 26, 2014 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2014.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
HHHS Administration Office
Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M1S0
Phone: 705-457-2527
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Here at the old farmhouse one of our favourite small appliances is the Keurig single serve coffee maker.

Using a term familiar to knitters and quilters Bruce has managed to acquire an impressive "stash" of brand name choices including Tim Hortons and that early morning chilly descent from bedroom to kitchen is now rewarded by the smell of fresh coffee.

Apparently many would-be entrepreneurs are moving their operations from pricey office space to the neighbourhood coffee shop.

There are, however, rules to be followed which spell out the acronym BREWED.

The "B" stands for small business and the "R" for room as sometimes it will be necessary to share table space. "E" is for expense a reminder to buy something at regular intervals from your host.

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Finally "D" for disposal is like mother's reminder to clean up after yourself.

In London, England some shops are formally renting out space and here on the Galway Road this might be a viable alternative for income generating.

Historically the hostess of our farm kitchen was a lovely lady named Sarah.

There was no electricity, running water or telephone but on the giant black Renfrew woodstove always waiting a welcoming coffee pot and baking from the oven.

This seems only fitting for the kitchen of Mrs. Sarah Coffey, mother of eight, on the Coffey farm. I'm hesitant to imagine what she might think of our Keurig.

At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount on Sunday, March 30 from 1 to 5 p.m. Scott Gartshore and Dirt Road return for the popular open mic jamboree.

There is a \$7 admission charge for this afternoon of singing and dancing. There are many ongoing programs and special events at this busy Branch and for more information contact the Legion at 705-488-3462.

Looking ahead to April on Saturday, April 19 the Kinmount's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. More specific details will appear in future columns but remember to bring along your own basket.

That same Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Friends of the Library, Kinmount Branch of the City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library, will hold its monthly book sale.

These fundraising events in support of the branch's programs occur regularly on the third Saturday of each month with great bargains on hand on the lower level of the

library.

On Saturday, April 26 the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development will host its annual Dinner & Auction at the Galway Hall. Funds raised go towards beautification projects in our community including the incredible hanging baskets and planters so admired by residents and visitors alike.

Tickets are available by calling Diane at 705-488-2635 and donations to the live, silent and country auctions can also be made through that number. Tickets can sell out very quickly for this popular evening so call soon to avoid disappointment.

The Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders is a very active group for girls which meets on Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre.

Watch for the mint Girl Guide Cookies soon to be available from the girls, at the Kinvale Restaurant, at Austin Lumber or by calling 705-488-2919. For information on the Unit please contact Lynne at that same number.

The Kinmount Farmers' Market normally held on Saturdays during the growing season invites enquiries from both local growers and producers interested in being vendors. For more information on the application process and fees please call 705-799-1237 or email info@kinmountfarmers-market.ca This season the market is planning a special section for crafters as well

Until next week...

Meat draws benefit Minden Food Bank

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Women's World Curling on the other TV. No matter what the sport, everyone got to enjoy the meatballs and coleslaw served up by Jenn Wilson while her husband Rick staffed the bar. The public is welcome, so come out next Sunday - it's a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon.

Our members, and even non-members, volunteer many hours to provide lunches and keep the Branch running. Wednesdays at lunch we hold our popular Meat Draws. For just a dollar per ticket, you can get a chance to win one of the choices of butcher-quality meats. Every week the selection changes and one couple come all the way from Peterborough because the meat is so tasty. Funds raised by the draws support our donations to community organizations like the Minden Food Bank.

The Minden Legion has several meeting rooms available and often caters to special events, group lunches and meetings. The Rotary Club meets on Monday nights and you'll often see Vice President Lee Train there to help. This week it was President Keith Welborn at the stove. During the two-week absence of hospitality chairwoman Thelma Lee, take a look in the kitchen and chances are you'll see Keith hard at work.

Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, the Creative Crew welcome anyone who is interested in crafts, whether experienced or just a learner. Recently our coaches have been sharing their knitting skills, but cross-stitch and quilting have also been featured. All the members send their best

wishes to Judy Flieger as she recovers from recent surgery.

Members are reminded that the next general meeting will be held Wednesday April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

We will be voting on the changes to the branch regulations which have been posted on the bulletin board for the past month.

While the weekday lunches and most activities are open to the public, only members whose dues are paid up to date can attend the general membership meetings. Check the year on your card and if you have been procrastinating, now is the time to renew.



The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting tender bids for a Janitorial Services contract for the Municipal Office located at:

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Email or fax submissions will not be accepted.

For further information, please call 705-489-2379. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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FREE WALK-IN TAX CLINICS

CARP Chapter 54 is planning a number of free walk-in Tax Clinics to help low income residents and seniors fill out their income tax and benefit returns.* Dates and locations are as follows:

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MINDEN: April 2 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Minden Legion, 12847-Hwy 35, Minden

DORSET: April 9 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm
Dorset Recreation Centre, 1051 Main St., Dorset

KINMOUNT: April 15 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm
Kinmount Legion,
11 County Road 503, Kinmount

*PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers do not complete returns for deceased persons or their beneficiaries, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

This program is being held in conjunction with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (CVITP) program through the Canada Revenue Agency.

Notices



ADOPTION OF 2014 BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a by-law to adopt the 2014 Municipal Budget during its Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
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Township of Algonquin Highlands
requires a
Stanhope Heritage Day Event Coordinator

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications for a temporary contract position for a Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator.

Reporting to the Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum Committee, the Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator will be responsible for the overall organization, coordination and promotion of the 2014 Stanhope Heritage Day to be held on **Saturday, July 19, 2014**.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational and communication skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and in the use of email.
- Current working knowledge of websites and various forms of social media.
- Basic understanding of event promotion, advertising, marketing and public relations.

Contract Value: \$2500.00

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County Card Scores

March 18 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Jim Burrows 5,610, Muriel McIntosh 4,790, Linda Cherry 4,760 and Ross Pawson 4,610. Jim Burrows and Ross Pawson teamed up for a Small Slam while Gail Medcalf was the draw winner.

March 18 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Gareth Kellett reports that the three top players were Gerald Bergin 6,090, Jule Gray 5,350 and Gail Flook 4,900 with Gerald and Julie teaming up for a Small Slam.

March 18 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents Harold Harvie was high and Gene Newell low while Betty Hicks was high lady and Rae Dawn Shephard low. On a three way cut of the cards Ralph Young won for most lone hands and Reta Crofts took home the draw prize. Congratulations to our reporter Barb Carpenter on the arrival of her new great granddaughter Scarlet.

March 18 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 278, Janice Davidson 270, Pat Dickson 267 and Eileen Shapiera 266. First for the gents at 319 was Phyllis Windsor followed by Les Noble 312, Howard Smith 268 and Kevin Maloney 256. Pat Norman won the major draw with Clare Obdam, Eileen Shapiera and Bev Johnson claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that Jesse Barlow, Pat Roussel and Dorothy McElwain took the moonshots.

March 18 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Topping the charts at 343 was the duo of Joan Bell and Bev Alexander then Connie Sawyer and Margaret Oetelaar 329. Our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with John Platt claimed third place at 322 while Yvonne Arbuthnot and George Hamilton posted the afternoon's low of 263.

March 19 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Gord Cochrane and Peter O'Connor led at 59 percent with Muriel McIntosh and Margo Davidson next at 57 percent. It is good to welcome our reporter Margo back from warmer climates while appre-

ciation goes to Muriel for her help on an interim basis. Margo says that the Florida temperatures were cooler than some other years but she gets no sympathy from local friends wintering here.

March 20 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Phyllis Windsor 280, Gala Newell 277, Theresa Deak 274 and Maria Tschida 267. At 280 our reporter Bev Johnson topped the charts for the gents followed by Jason Peacock 252, Pat Norman 251 and Howard Smith 238. Jesse Barlow and Maria Tschida both held the hidden score while Theresa Deak won for call 1. The five moonshots went to Betty Wagar, Pat Dickson, Pat Norman and Theresa Deak [2].

March 20 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Bev Johnson and Murray Daniels with Betty Wagar and Tom Grix posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Pearl Cowen and Jim Bradbury who both won other prizes along with Bev Johnson and our reporter May Bradbury.

March 21 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Kevin Maloney, for lone hands Jason Peacock, for low hands Pat Bailey and for the special prize Albert Foster. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this news.

March 21 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Tom and Margo Davidson took top marks at 63 percent with Gord Cochrane and Peter O'Connor a fraction off but also at 63 percent. Jack and Willie Cox were third at 59 percent then Muriel McIntosh partnered with Stella McMillan 54 percent.

March 21 bid euchre at Club 35: Pink honours went to Linda Voycey 249, Pat Marshall 248 and Margaret Oetelaar 148. At 260 Clara Miscio led the whites followed by our reporter Jean Dutka 224 and Al McMullen 217 while Pat Marshall claimed the single moonshot. .

March 22 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden:

Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 303, Karin Harrison 274, Bev Johnson 222 and Pat Roussel 211. At 280 Dorothy McElwain was first for the gents followed by John Deak 275, Marcel Roussel 224 and our reporter Albert Foster 200. Yvette Ezard won the special prize while John Deak and Kevin Maloney claimed the moonshots.

March 23 Sunday Bid Euchre at Minden Community Centre: The top trio members were Jason Peacock 370, Muriel McIntosh 330 and Marcel Roussel 311. Pearl Cowen held the hidden score, Jason Peacock won for call 1 and moonshots landed on Archie Ross [2], Muriel McIntosh, Jason Peacock, Ida Young, Dorothy McElwain and our reporter Bev Johnson.

March 24 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: The most lone hand holders were Pearl Cowen and Lillian Mann with Margaret Fletcher and our reporter Tim Sharpe posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Barbara Braithwaite and Mabel Deacon won the special prize while Annah Buxcey had a conversation with the skunk.

March 24 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The high scoring trio members were Barb Wood 298, our reporter Rose Isaacson 286 and Mike St. Thomas 264. Gala Newell won the draw with Mike St. Thomas, Karin Harrison, Theresa Deak and Janice Davidson claiming the moonshots.

March 24 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Pearl Cowen won for both high hands and the special prize. Lone hand honours went to Joan Riel with Jean Randell taking low hands.

March 24 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Anne Manning with Margaret Oetelaar and Clara Miscio recording the high scores. Clara also won the baloney while the evening's lows went to Al McMullen and Linda Voycey. Thanks to Garth Windsor for this update.

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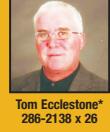
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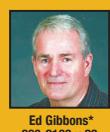
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- Turk-key! Great family cottage experience!

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Long Lake \$279,900

- Nicely-kept 3BR cottage on 2-Lake chain
- Bunkie with loft at waterfront
- Nice clean shoreline, sunset exposure
- Easy year-round Municipal road access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Davis Lake \$299,900

- 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage
- Bunkie + garage
- Level lot , sand beach, dock
- Big lake view

Valerie Kulla 286-2138



Log Country Home \$229,000

- Log Home on 3.4 Acres Minden
- 3 bedrooms and 2 baths
- Detached 1 1/2 garage and woodshed
- Well treed & great privacy

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Pride of Ownership! \$325,000

- Immaculate 4 season waterfront home/cottage
- Level lot with child friendly sand beach
- Quiet bay on the Gull River heading to Shadow Lake
- 2 bedrooms and double car garage

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Recreational Paradise - 37.6 Acres - \$299,900

- 10 mins to Minden, Blairhampton prestigious area
- Hard/softwood bush, birch, spruce, and landscaped
- High quality timber, bsmnt w/o; Private;
- Level access - 1.5 km to 12 Mile Lk boat launch

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Lg. Waterfront Lot Cranberry Lk. \$99,999

- Nice level lot with great privacy
- 150' shoreline, 1.5 acres
- Driveway in, building area cleared.
- New dock to be installed.

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



SOLD Location, Location, Location \$269,000

- 3 Bdrm home w/full walkout basement
- Attached Garage + Workshop,
- Close to schools & amenities
- Drilled well, septic & propane furnace

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



County Road 21 \$165,000

- Mins. to Minden conveniences, solid brick
- 2 bdrm; walk out bsmt; family room
- Sep. dining room; fireplace; hardwood floors
- Raised bungalow; dbl drive & lots of parking

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



Excellent Opportunity-Halls Lake \$299,900

- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
- Excellent swimming, fishing & boating
- Original 1940's cabin
- Plus full bunkie with kitchen & bathroom

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



SOLD Great Starter Home \$116,900

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
- Many recent upgrades
- Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
- Public access to the 5 lake chain close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Home Sweet Home! \$179,000

- Fully renovated and updated home
- 2 plus 1 bedrooms, open concept living area
- Great location, just minutes to Haliburton
- Adjacent lot available at \$34,900

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Gull River \$254,900

- Well Maintained 4 Season home/cottage
- Boat to Gull Lake or Downtown Minden
- 3 Bedrooms, Sunroom, Full W/O Basement
- Single Car Garage, FAO & Woodstove

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



Minden Bungalow \$244,900

- Updated Kitchen & Baths, Ceramic, Hardwood
- Stunning Sunroom, Propane Fplc, attch garage
- 0.58 Acre Ravine Lot with a Stream

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



NEW LISTING Hunter Creek Rd Privacy \$179,000

- 2 bedrooms plus 2 baths
- Walkout basement to large yard
- 1.9 acres of privacy
- School bus by the front door

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Tedious Lake Waterfront Lot \$99,000

- Large lot on quiet spring fed lake
- South facing, good swimming & fishing
- Driveway is in, hydro at lot line
- Great opportunity! HST in addition

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



Home/Cottage, Lg 3 Lake Chain \$249,900

- 103 Ft Waterfront, 0.7 acre level lot;
- 2000 Sq Ft, 3 + 1 bdrms, 1 x 4 Pcs Bath;
- Impressive Large FP, Garage/workshop;
- Boat Launch, dock, approx 36 miles boating

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



NEW LISTING Hunter Creek Estates \$87,900

- Nice lot backing onto greenspace
- Well-kept 2 bdrm with garage
- Minden's only all adult community
- Very spacious and open interior

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



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Starter or Retirement Home \$155,500

- Country property with loads of value
- Deeded Access to Halls lake close by
- Year round home with 3 bedrooms
- Single car garage & Bunkie